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Pastides visits student leaders

President gets insight, seeks involvement with campus groups

Brad Maxwell
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The USC presidency has a new face: the face of Harris Pastides.

Pastides, who was a student senator at his alma mater, the State University of New York at Albany, made rounds Friday across campus, getting to know the faces of student leadership and faculty alike.

Student Body President Andrew Gaeckle said he wanted the new president to see what student leaders were doing on a day-to-day basis.

"I thought having him come over here would be a great opportunity for him to learn who's leading this university right now, as well as where we're working and the environment we're seeing," said Gaeckle, a fourth-year international studies student.

Gaeckle, along with other student leaders, led Pastides on a tour of the Student Government, Carolina Productions, Student Media and Student Life offices on Friday, Aug. 1.

Pastides asked the student leaders many questions about their respective offices in an effort to get to know the students he presides over.

"I will be accessible to student government and to students not in student government," he said. He said he wanted students to feel free to make appointments to see him in his office in the Osborne Building, but also wants to "come to you a lot."

Ashley Wood, president of Carolina Productions, said she was excited that Pastides had a background with entertainment organizations when he was in college.

"He already has a deep appreciation and a heart for it," said Wood, a fourth-year English student. "It says a lot that he would come down here to meet with us."

Natasha Hopkins, vice president of Sorority Council and president of the Minority Assistance Peer Program, led Pastides through Student Life offices and said Pastides made a good move by stopping by Friday.

"I appreciate him actually taking the time out to see what student life is about and it reassures me that he is on the right path to leading our university," she said.

The first to go to college in his family, Pastides emphasized his background at public universities and his passion for quality, affordable education for students. He said he chose to attend a public university for its affordability and accessibility.

"Every person blocked from an education here at the university is a loss to the university," he said. "My mission is to increase the value of education without increasing the cost, or without increasing the cost much."

Gaeckle said he thinks Pastides will be very reachable and he will bring his experience at the university and observance of past president Andrew Sorensen's "pros and cons" to the table. He also hopes Pastides will bring many resources and man-power to some of student government's environmental and sustainability initiatives, a key part of Gaeckle's presidential platform.

"I'm excited. It's a big transition and he's never held a position of presidency, there may be a little learning curve for that," Gaeckle said. "It's a great opportunity for all of us to come together."

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HONORING STUDENT

Golf tournament to raise money for scholarship in memory of Campbell

Vivi Koutrakos
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The first ever Robert Chase Campbell Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Aug. 30 at Northwoods Golf Club in Columbia.

The tournament will be held in honor and remembrance of the late Robert Chase Campbell. The 20-year-old Anderson native died in March after falling from a train in Newberry County. His family and brother, Dustin Campbell, have organized the tournament to raise money for the Robert Chase Campbell Memorial Educational Fund, which will provide financial relief to a USC student in the form of a scholarship.

"We plan to use the fund to provide scholarship opportunities to USC students that shared the same interests and beliefs as my late brother. This scholarship will always go to a person in need of financial relief," Dustin Campbell said. "I strive to make this tournament an annual event to celebrate the life of Chase with friends and family and to raise money for a great cause that I know he held dear to his heart."

Dustin Campbell said the golf tournament has had a successful following thus far with 148 participants signed up. It is \$200 per four-man team. Registration starts at noon and tee time is at 2 p.m.

Although the player slots are almost initially full, there are plenty of



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ways to contribute through sponsorship ranging from Patron sponsors of \$25 to Gold Sponsors of \$1,000. All six levels are tax deductible.

Dustin Campbell said he hopes to raise at least \$13,000 to go towards the fund.

Dustin Campbell said the scholarship will then go to a member of the Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu fraternity in good academic standing.

Fraternity brother Keller Sullivan said the memorial fund is an ideal way to remember Chase Campbell.

"Chase would help anyone that needed help," Sullivan said.

Chase Campbell was a devoted student making Dean's list and was a Life Scholarship recipient. He was a dedicated Sigma Nu brother and a die-hard Gamecock sports fan. His friends described him as "selfless" and "kindhearted." His high school nickname was "cheesy" because he was always smiling.

"Chase was definitely the most selfless person I ever knew, he was always there when you needed him and was always willing to help out," said Campbell's pledge brother Brennan Olmstead. "He always had a story to tell and was a friend to everyone."

For more information, e-mail Dustin Campbell at Dustin.usc@gmail.com.

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\$32.6 million - Student Support
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\$4.4 million - Program Enhancements
\$16.5 million - Capital Projects
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-Compiled by Megan Holt, News Editor

USC gets funds

Donations, contributions exceed expectations, break past records

Megan Holt
NEWS EDITOR

The University of South Carolina brought in \$106.2 million in private gifts and pledges, for the year ending June 30, to break all fundraising records.

The fundraising total for 2007-08 is a 58.7 percent increase from last year's total of \$66.9 million. The number of donors is at an all-time high with nearly 46,000 individuals contributing.

The donations were designated in five key areas: student support, faculty support, program enhancements, capital projects and unrestricted gifts. Around \$45 million went toward program enhancements, while \$32.6 million was designated toward student support, which includes scholarships, assistantships and fellowships.

Michelle Dodenhoff, associate vice president for university development and interim vice president for University Advancement, said the increase in giving greatly impacts the university.

"Individuals give out of their deep desire and passion to make a difference. They believe in the university and

its mission," she said.

Dodenhoff said she believes that USC has been successful in fundraising because the university is doing phenomenal things across the board.

"People are excited, committed and want to be part of something very special," she said.

Alumni giving increased nearly \$10 million this year, as USC alumni contributed \$31.1 million. The university also received an increase in online gifts.

Eighteen gifts totaled \$1 million or more, up from only 8 last year.

The largest gift was a \$10 million gift from Robert and Janice McNair to enhance the McNair Scholars Program. This program attracts some of the nation's top undergraduate students to USC each year.

Alumnus Charlton F. Hall Jr. gave a \$5 million gift to the university's School of Medicine's Senior SMART Program, a Research Center of Economic Excellence.

Despite the economic downturn, USC broken all fundraising records.

"In difficult economic times, our needs are even greater and those with capacity to give realize a gift now has an even greater impact," Dodenhoff said.

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gained an extra step of speed because of his conditioning.

"I concentrated in the weight room and concentrated with my running. I do feel faster. I just feel better about myself," Davis said.

Tight end Weslye Saunders is running excellent routes and catching the ball as if he were a true wide receiver.

On the defensive side of the ball, the defensive line has excellent depth compared to previous years.

Senior defensive end Jordin Lindsey, who missed the 2007 season due to academic issues, said, "I couldn't ask for better depth. They come in strong, working hard and ready to play."

Defensive end Cliff Matthews is poised to have a breakout season, and his hustle has earned him the respect of his coaches.

"Cliff Matthews is probably the biggest hustler on the team" Spurrier said recently.

While Eric Norwood, Jasper Brinkley and Gerrod Sinclair are all playing as first team linebackers so far, the defense has brought in Chris Culliver as an extra safety and pulled Sinclair out of the outside linebacker spot at times to improve the speed of the unit.

While incumbent starter at the second cornerback position, Carlos Thomas, and

freshman Akeem Auguste have been battling for the starting spot, senior Stoney Woodson has jumped in the mix and may battle to be the starter opposite Captain Munnerlyn.

Special teams and kicking has been a point of emphasis in the practices. New special teams coordinator Ray Rychleski has had the luxury of putting many starters on special teams, and the team has responded to the increased interests in that part of the game.

"Ray has our guys ready to go. It's preseason and everyone says that, but we're positive here. Ray's a solid coach and an interesting guy," Spurrier said.

Defensive lineman Nathan Pepper, linebacker Jasper Brinkley and cornerback Captain Munnerlyn are all coming off of injuries from last season and all appear to be playing at 100 percent in practice.

Players sitting out of practice or wearing yellow jerseys due to injury have been defensive tackle Ladi Ajiboye, tight end Jared Cook, cornerback Jay Spearman, linebacker Reggie Bowens and wide receiver Matt Clements. None are expected to miss any time once the season begins.

The team will scrimmage in Williams-Brice Stadium on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

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The Gamecock offensive line continues to improve from last year's season end struggles through constant training.



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future hall-of-famers, including two players who total over 1,100 combined career homeruns.

The two Los Angeles teams, the Dodgers and the Angels, were the two winners of the trade deadline. The Angels acquired the slugger Mark Teixeira from the Braves. Next, the Dodgers got the always colorful Manny Ramirez from the Red Sox, who then got Jason Bay from Pittsburgh, who then in turn got

four nobodies.

Another winner of the trade deadline is the Yankees. They filled the need of catcher, acquiring future hall-of-famer Pudge Rodriguez.

Now, it is time to sit back and enjoy the rest of the season while I wait for my Gamecocks and Falcons to take the field.

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Chris Cox
SPORTS EDITOR

Former University of South Carolina men's basketball player Tarence Kinsey has signed with the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers.

Kinsey last played in the NBA as recently as a year ago with the downtrodden Memphis Grizzlies before being cut by the team prior to last season.

In 11 games with the Grizzlies, the former Gamecock averaged 3.6 points per game. In the previous year, the rookie saw extensive action as he appeared in 48 games while averaging two rebounds a game along with 7.7 points per game.

As a Gamecock, Kinsey was awarded the NIT MVP award in his senior season. That year, he averaged 14.8 points per game and 4.6 rebounds a contest.

Crime Report

Monday, Aug. 4
Public Disorderly Conduct, 1:17 a.m.

USC School of Public Health, 921 Assembly St.

Christopher Oliver was found unconscious at the location. Once Oliver came to, he presented ID and was arrested.
 Reporting officer: Cpl. D. Adams

Sunday, Aug. 3
Trespass After Notice, 10:30 p.m.

Sumwalt College, 1212 Devine St.

Nadja Croft entered the location and came into contact with the officer. The officer asked for her identification and discovered that she was previously placed on trespass notice in June. Croft was arrested.
Reporting officer: W.D. Jones

Friday, Aug. 1
Assisting Other Agency, 1:22 p.m.

ROTC, 513 Pickens St.

Someone reported that while working, she noticed a person lying in a creek not moving. The scene was turned over to the Columbia Police Department.
 Reporting officers: Joseph Woodfin, Byrum

Trespass After Notice, 10:25 p.m.

625 Greene St.

Robert Hughes cut through a parking lot and encountered an officer. The officer asked Hughes for identification and found that he had been placed on trespass notice on July 31. Hughes was arrested.
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-Compiled by Liz Segrist,
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Residents battle drought

SC counties extend efforts to address water shortage

Jim Davenport
The Associated Press

South Carolina residents have dramatically cut their water use this summer, but rainfall in the region still is not keeping pace with demand, state officials said Tuesday as they declared that about one-fourth of the state is suffering from extreme drought.



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The designation does not mean that residents statewide will be required to conserve water, but officials called for more aggressive conservation and some water systems already have implemented restrictions on things such as washing cars and watering lawns.

“People are putting a lot of public pressure on each other to conserve. And so we’ve gotten a great response,” said Sue Schneider, manager of the Spartanburg Water System, where a mix of voluntary and mandatory restrictions have use down 15 percent this summer compared to last summer.

Steve de Kozlowski, chairman of the Drought Response Committee, said local water authorities must manage their water supplies

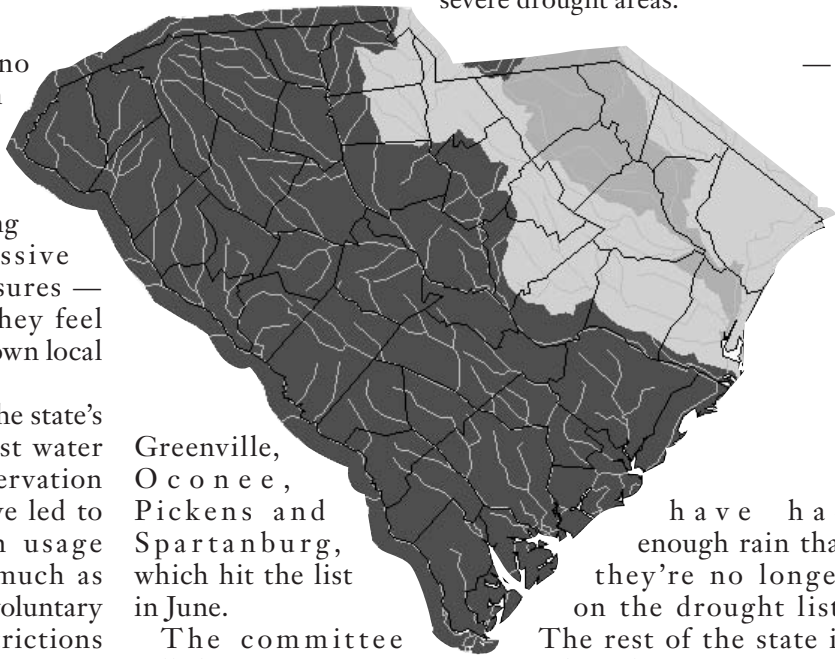
and there will be no state intervention unless public health or resources are threatened.

That means calling for “very aggressive conservation measures — as aggressive as they feel necessary for their own local situation,” he said.

Some leaders of the state’s largest and smallest water systems said conservation efforts already have led to month-to-month usage falling off by as much as nearly a third after voluntary or mandatory restrictions were implemented.

The drought committee added Anderson, Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, Union, Newberry, Saluda, Edgefield and McCormick counties to the extreme drought list. They join Cherokee,

Courtesy of U.S. Geological Survey: Dark area represents most severe drought areas.



Greenville, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg, which hit the list in June.

The committee called for water systems to encourage aggressive, but voluntary water conservation in the 14-county extreme drought area — a wedge mostly between I-20 and I-26 from the Savannah River on the Georgia state line to the Upstate along the North Carolina line.

Two counties — Charleston and Georgetown

have had enough rain that they’re no longer on the drought list.

The rest of the state is in drought stages ranging from incipient to extreme.

Water systems said they have adequate supplies for months more, but wanted to carefully manage that resource. Schneider said the Spartanburg system “could easily go months with the current volumes that we have.”

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GAMECOCKS HIT THE FIELD

Team continues preparations on USC Proving Grounds for season opener against North Carolina State

Ty Zeigler
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The South Carolina Gamecock football team held its first practice of the season on Aug. 1 and has held a practice everyday since then. The practices, which have been open to the public, have provided fans and the media with a chance to preview the 2008 edition of the Carolina Gamecocks.

Of special note early on has been the quarterback play. Redshirt junior Tommy Beecher, named the starting quarterback out of spring practice, has been the most impressive passer to date. He has looked far more poised in the 7-on-7 and 11-on-11 drills, and is completing passes at a higher percentage while making few mistakes.

Spurrier recently said, “Tommy Beecher is doing fine. He’s our quarterback. Everyone realizes he gives us our best shot. It’s important everyone realizes he’s our starting quarterback.”

Beecher and senior wide receiver Kenny McKinley appear as if they have been throwing to each other for years. The quarterback/wide receiver duo has excellent chemistry and is beginning to look very similar to the Blake Mitchell/Sidney Rice combination from 2006.

2007 starter Chris Smelley has had trouble hitting receivers downfield. He often hesitates to get his passes off in time, and has to dump the ball off to the running back coming out of the backfield.

Heralded and controversial redshirt freshman Stephen Garcia has been mediocre thus far. Inconsistency has plagued his passing, though he has shown that he has a very strong arm.

Senior running back Mike Davis is in the best shape of his career and has

SPRING • 11

MLB Trade Deadline highlights weekend

Several future Hall-of-Famers make moves across league this summer

It’s the end of July and all I am thinking about is when is it going to be September so I can wear my garnet and black at Williams-Brice Stadium. To cure my anxiety, I turn to the boys of summer - specifically I look

forward to what crazy stupid deals GMs of losing teams do right before the trade deadline date of July 31. This year, I was not disappointed.

One of the highlights each July is watching what stupid deals the Pirates will make each year. This year, I think Pittsburgh outdid even its own standards. In their first deal, they should charge the Yankees with armed robbery because for Xavier Nady and Demarso Marte, the Pirates got four prospects who we will probably never hear from again. And what has Nady done since with the Yankees? A .400



MICHAEL FINNEGUN
Fifth-year accounting student

average with four HR and 11 RBIs.

Unlike in years past, this July many big name players were traded. Sabathia being traded to the Brewers on July 7 for four players. I am looking forward to see Matt Laporta, one of the four prospects, in the Indians lineup in a few years. Next, in the game of Chess, I saw the Cubs one up their rivals a day later by acquiring the talented Rich Harden.

Then after three less important deals, my cure for the summertime blues began to come at me in full stride with deal after deal. Between July 25 and 31, there were a total of seven different trades with 25 players changing their addresses. Included in these trades were three or four

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CANCER A long-term friend may require extra reassurance concerning recent family decisions, roommate disputes or home choices.
LEO Areas affected are job expectations, career advancement and unique employment proposals.
VIRGO Some Virgos may also experience a rare romantic ultimatum.
LIBRA After days of restlessness and low energy, many Libras will expand their confidence and awareness of new relationships.

SCORPIO Over the next few days, close friends may be reflective, irritable and privately moody.
SAGITTARIUS Officials and trusted colleagues may soon be unavailable to clarify instruction or offer guidance.
CAPRICORN Leadership in the workplace is vital to the success of short-term projects and team assignments.
AQUARIUS Recent business promises may be delayed or redefined. Ironically, postponed job aspirations will soon work to your advantage. Study minor documents, rare career contracts or workplace comments for valuable opportunities.
PISCES Social invitations are pleasing but unreliable: expect friends to announce unique group events. In the coming weeks, unpredictable emotional changes will challenge established plans. Wait for calm relations before offering your time.

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IN OUR OPINION

Pointless ‘emergency’ calls defeat purpose of crucial public service

We all learned in grade school that you’re supposed to call 911 when someone’s in trouble. But for some, it’s used for late-night cravings and condiment meltdowns. No, we aren’t kidding.

This is exactly what happened when a man at Subway found that his sub was lacking mayonnaise and mustard; he called 911 twice and was eventually arrested.

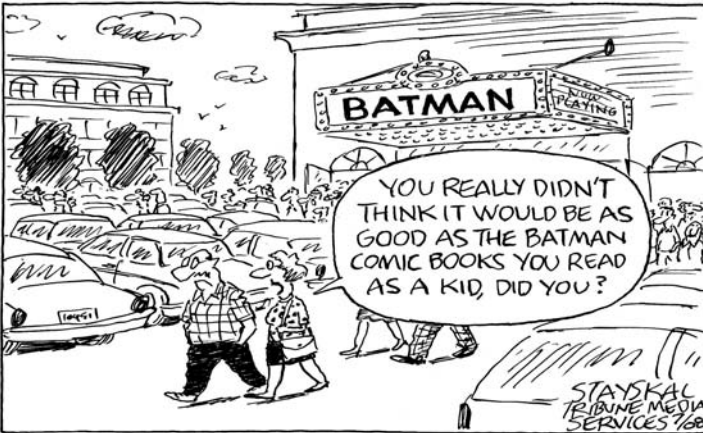
According to cnn.com, he isn’t the only one. One person called for Domino’s phone number and was very upset she couldn’t get help with her “emergency.” Another called to ask what day of the week it was. The operator responded with, “That isn’t an emergency, but it’s Tuesday.”

Are these people serious? These are just a few examples of the thousands of calls 911 operators receive every day across the nation.

Not only are these people taking advantage of a government service, but they are taking away valuable time from the operators who are there to assist with emergencies and people in dire need of immediate assistance.

The guy from Subway? He was arrested. Plenty of others have received fines, and that’s the least they should get for such blatantly reckless behavior.The fact that people would call and literally risk other people’s lives over such petty situations is truly disturbing.

Hopefully, these people will learn the meaning of “dire need” and try the operator next time instead.



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Work ethic suffers under conveniences of technology

Easy environment spoils Americans in workplace, condition us for laziness

Good help is, in fact, hard to find.

In a country where technology creates easier ways to complete an already easy task, the nation has lost one of its traditional values: a good work ethic.

For most of us work involves an air-conditioned building, a water cooler and a restroom within 10 minutes walking distance. Work has become so comfortable that the only thing that still qualifies it as work is its lack of excitement and use of brainpower.

This environment has conditioned us to get cranky when we have to wait in restaurants for food that someone else is preparing for us. It causes us to dread grocery shopping, where the meat has already been prepared for us.

And this laziness epidemic is only magnified in my generation, where work is qualified as going to our local mall and running the cash register. We don’t even like to do

the work we’re not doing. We’re usually taking our precious time so as not to get to much done in one day. We can be caught skipping steps in our work. THEN we complain about how minimum wage is not enough pay for our disposable income lifestyles.

I’ve caught myself complaining about the heat on the way from the Russell House to the BA. It’s times like these when I realize how truly lazy I am.

We need to learn to appreciate how easy we’ve got it and not take it for granted. In other parts of the world, people go through much more labor-intensive processes to attain things that to us, may be attainable at the click of a mouse. They’re forced to go beyond what we would call work, such as places where people hunt, farm and make clothes all on their own.

If there is an easier way to do something that provides the same results, any human being is going to choose that option, even the hard-working ones.

What I think we should remember is to be more grateful for our working conditions and strive to put forth more effort. After all, a little hard work never killed anyone. It only makes us better.

CORRECTIONS

In last week’s article, “Y’ALL finalists represent USC” by Megan Holt, only graduates from the last decade are eligible to vote, not current students. The Daily Gamecock regrets the error.

If you see an error in today’s paper, we want to know about it. E-mail us at gamecockopinions@sc.edu

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I Can Ride my Bike With No Handle Bars I Can Ride my Bike With No

‘Handlebar’ challenge inspires group to encourage fans to resist apathy

Haley Dreis
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

When signing a record deal with Universal Republic, the “Flobots” decided to use their exposure for the greater good — to use the power of their music as a tool to educate and engage listeners in social and political activism.

The Denver-based hip-hop/progressive rock/classical music group took the stage at Headliners Aug. 1 in an amazing live show. Their politically-charged messages and head-banging engagement were both fulfilling and inspiring.

The two emcees, Jonny 5 and Brer Rabbit, mesh well with guitarist Andy “ROK” Guerrero, bassist Jesse Walker, drummer Kenny Ortiz and classical violist Mackenzie Roberts.

Walker, both warm and intellectual, shared his experiences and aspirations about the eclectic group that is all about transcending barriers.

“Right from the beginning, everybody involved in the band shared a common desire to push musical boundaries,” Walker said. “I think that was the unifying thing that brought us all together.”

Their hit “Handlebars,” played frequently on major radio stations across the country, discusses good vs. evil and our human capacity and responsibility for holding these powers.

Walker said the song was written when Jonny 5 was challenged by a friend to ride his bike without handlebars after work one day. When he did it he was a little overwhelmed by this skill he had created for himself in his 20’s and started thinking that we’re born with this capacity to create good and destructive forces.

“It sort of struck him as both hopeful and tragic in the same moment,” Walker said.

Their most inspiring song was also their last, “Rise,” which is a call to collectively take action to “march across those stereotypes that were marked for us ... [and] rise together.” Walker said Brer Rabbit’s lyric, “Don’t let apathy police the populace,” is the central message the band is most interested in addressing.

The band certainly practices what they preach — they spend 12 hours a week doing music workshops and therapy with the Denver Children’s Home, a school for children who have experienced trauma.

The band created Flobots.org, a non-profit



Above: Flobots goes outside the studio to aid trauma victims through music therapy.

Below: The band hopes their music will inspire young people to be active in their communities.



students to get involved, I think moreso than anyone else,” Walker said. “There’s just so much there that’s right at your finger tips and we would encourage everyone to get involved in some way, no matter how small.”

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Bonding with your first roommate: priceless

Living with someone else in college doesn't have to be terrifying, awkward with the right shared experiences

Jennifer Carragher
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